Joint Police Investigation Leads to Multiple Arrests for Heroin Distribution



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Seaford— On Saturday November 5, 2016 the Sussex Drug Unit and the Seaford Police Department concluded a joint investigation which targeted a large-scale Heroin distribution organization centered in the Seaford area.

The six month investigation dubbed "Operation No Way Out" was concluded with the assistance of the Kent and Sussex County Governor's Task Force, State Police New Castle County Drug Unit, DEA-Salisbury, Maryland State Police, and Wicomico County Narcotics Task Force (WINTF).

The investigation revealed the leaders of the organization as **Brandon A. Ways**, 27 of Smyrna, and **Torontay T. Mann**, 25 of Seaford. Associates involved in the organization included **Vanity N. Corea**, 30 of Seaford, **Norquetta C. Heath**, 32 of Seaford, and **Angeline M. Metelus**, 21 of Bridgeville. The organization was known to operate out of three separate residences all located within the limits of Seaford

and one in Salisbury, Maryland. Brandon Ways and Torontay Mann were also known to be using a Jeep Grand Cherokee and a Nissan Maxima to transport the heroin for distribution.

The final phase of the investigation began with the execution of numerous search warrants. Initially, a search warrant was executed on a blue 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee after the vehicle, which was operated by Angeline Metelus, was stopped by troopers in the area of South DuPont Highway (US13) and Webbs Lane near Dover. During a search of the vehicle, 79,500 bags of heroin totaling 1,192.5 grams was located.

Search warrants were then executed by the Seaford Police Department and Delaware State Police at the three apartments within the limits of Seaford as follows:

100 block of Woodland Mills Apartments: Upon entering the apartment, Norquetta Heath was taken into custody without incident. A search of the residence revealed .40 caliber ammunition, .9mm ammunition, and a .40 Caliber Glock handgun magazine. Brandon Ways exited the apartment just prior and was taken into custody on a traffic stop on Atlanta Road. He was found to be in possession of over \$800.00 in suspected drug proceeds.

800 block of Chandler Heights II: Torontay Mann and **Tateyana Rideout**, 22 of Seaford, were taken into custody without incident. Detectives seized a .22 caliber handgun located in a hand bag inside a bedroom closet along with 13 grams of marijuana and \$3,655.00 in suspected drug proceeds.

<u>Unit block of Seaford Meadows:</u> Vanity Corea was taken into custody at this residence. Detectives located and seized three firearms during the search including a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun, a .40 caliber Glock semi-automatic handgun, and a second .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun with an obliterated serial number. Drug paraphernalia was also seized including packaging materials and a digital scale located

inside a safe.

As a result of the investigation, the suspects were all transported back to Troop 4 in Georgetown where they were formally charged as follows on Saturday November 5, 2016:

Brandon A. Ways — Possession of Tier 5 quantity Heroin, Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin, four counts of Possession of Firearm by Person Prohibited, and Conspiracy 2nd. He was arraigned at JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI) in default of \$134,000.00 cash bond.

Torontay T. Mann — Possession of Tier 5 quantity Heroin, Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin, Possession Firearm by Person Prohibited, and Conspiracy 2nd. He was released from SCI after posting \$125,000.00 secured bond.

Vanity N. Corea — Possesion of a Firearm with Obliterated Serial Number, Maintaining a Drug Property, and Conspiracy 2^{nd} . She was released on \$16,000.00 unsecured bond.

Angeline M. Metelus – Possession of Heroin in a Tier 5 quantity, Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin, and Conspiracy 2^{nd} . She has since been released after posting \$42,000.00 secured bond.

Norquetta C. Heath — Maintaining a Drug Property and Conspiracy 2nd. She was released on \$5,000.00 unsecured bond.

Tateyana Rideout — Maintaining a Drug Property and Conspiracy 2^{nd} . She was released on \$5,000.00 unsecured bond.

On Monday November 7, 2016, members of the Wicomico County Narcotics Task Force executed a search warrant at Brandon Ways' residence in Ocean Aisle Apartments Salisbury, Maryland. Torontay Mann, who had been bailed out from the

November 5th incident, was contacted after he was leaving the apartment. A search of the residence revealed a Rossi .38 special revolver in the bedroom dresser. The firearm was previously reported stolen to the Bridgeville Police Department in Delaware. Mann was charged with the weapons offense and released after posting bond in Maryland.

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